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## Alameda County labor for school tax

### REPORT

#### To Our Reader - Owners

##### 'TWO-PARTY PRESS'

That was a shrewd hit Pat Brown made when he told a gathering of Southern California United Press editors:

"I don't agree with those who say we have a one-party press. It is two-party. The publishers and editors are Republicans and the working members are usually Democrats."

Since it was said in the presence of Senator Knowland it was particularly appropriate, as Brown, Democratic candidate for Governor, undoubtedly has heard that the Knowland family owns a newspaper.

So it was one more way of getting across the plain fact that it is big property, big business, which backs the Knowland candidacy, and that most working people, whether they be newspaper workers or carpenters or auto workers, are for Brown for Governor.

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##### THEY'RE DYING OFF

All of us old newspapermen remember the time when there were many more sincere Republicans around a newspaper office than there are now.

The word sincere should be emphasized, for nowadays most working newspaper people when they encounter a Republican on the staff tend to assume, perhaps unfairly, that he's a boot-licker trying to get in good with the boss, just as, when they run into a Commie on the staff, they figure that Mother dropped the poor guy on his head onto the cement floor when he was one year old.

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##### NO RETURN

However, in this country, praise be, there is still a good deal of elasticity. It hasn't settled down to a class struggle, so much as to a class juggle: there's still some moving back and forth across the line.

And so there are some dailies in California supporting Brown; their publishers realize there's a point where conservatism becomes reaction, and that Bill Knowland has passed that point of no return.

### Club Iberico to honor Holmdahl Sat., May 17th

John W. Holmdahl, Oakland City Councilman and endorsed Democratic candidate for the office of State Senator, Alameda County, will be honored at a dinner given at the Club Iberico in San Leandro on Saturday evening, May 17.

Chicken paelee, the main course, is being prepared by Spanish ladies.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

### CLC for schools proposal, delays MUD bonds action

The Central Labor Council heartily endorsed at its meeting this week the permissive Oakland school tax increase which will appear on the June 3 ballot.

But after some debate the delegates sent back to the executive committee for more consideration the question of endorsing the \$240,000,000 East Bay Municipal Utilities District bonds.

Bud Williams, Automotive Machanists 1546, in moving for endorsement of the school tax increase, pointed out that it was simply a reaffirmation of the council's support of the measure when it went before the Oakland voters in February.

Williams said that any observant parent could see that the Oakland school system needs more money.

"On a half-day schedule my children, I can see, are not getting all they should in the way of education," said Williams. "That is true, I am afraid, of a great many children."

The increase proposed is \$1.12 to be added to the present \$2 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Only about half of the proposed new amount would be needed immediately.

The discussion of the East Bay MUD bond issue came up when the executive committee brought in a recommendation that the bond issue be endorsed but that the MUD management should be notified that its policy toward the right of its employees to join unions was unsatisfactory.

Joe W. Chaudet, representing the Newspaper Guild, said that this seemed inconsistent, to endorse their bond issue and at the same time to denounce their labor policy. He said that the MUD management had been anti-labor for years, that they oppose the organizing of unions, and won't sign agreements with them.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash said that the executive committee's recommendation was the same one that a joint committee

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### Struck breweries meet with Teamos

Intensive negotiations between representatives of the five Teamster Brewery Workers locals in the State and the struck breweries got under way Tuesday, and it was believed some progress might be made, said a spokesman for the Teamsters.

In the Bay Area the only beers that were still being distributed were Lucky Lager, Regal and California; in the southern end of the State Lucky Lager and Pabst were the only ones. The workers had not been called out at these plants, and there was no boycott on any of the beers being distributed.



UNION EXECUTIVE JEFFERY COHELAN (right) discusses the current recession with Gubernatorial Candidate Edmund G. "Pat" Brown at a recent Brown-for-Governor dinner in Oakland. Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers and Dairy Workers Local 302, is a candidate for the Seventh Congressional District, which consists of Northern Alameda County. Both candidates are Democrats and oppose the so-called "right-to-work" legislation proposed by Brown's opponent, Senator William F. Knowland. Cohelan is well known as a member of the Berkeley City Council.

## Judge Mosk, Roy Reuther warn: Face every issue!

Alameda County organized labor was warned by two distinguished liberal leaders during the past few days that it is essential not to permit Senator Knowland to push labor off into a trap.

The trap would consist in concentrating wholly on the fight to prevent Knowland from becoming Governor and to prevent the "right to work" initiative becoming part of the State Constitution.

The two liberal leaders were Judge Sanley Mosk, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, and Roy Reuther, who is assistant to the president of the United Auto Workers.

Judge Mosk spoke at the Central Labor Council meeting this week, and Reuther at the CLC executive committee meeting a few days prior to the council meeting.

Mosk, when he became a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles in 1942, was only 30 years of age, the youngest Judge of that rank in the history of the State. He was reelected in 1944, receiving 744,000 votes, the highest ever cast for a Judge in a contested election in California.

Mosk said that the fight against "right to work" would not be won by merely mobilizing labor sentiment. He said that in his campaign he is discussing the dangers of "right to work" with farm groups and business men's luncheon clubs.

"It is essential to make the farmers and business men realize that anything which seriously harms labor does serious harm to the business of any community," he said. "We must convince the rest of the people, outside the labor movement, that this is so."

Judge Mosk said that the Democrats are trying to elect their whole ticket, and that attention should not be so centered on the Governorship fight that other candidates would be forgotten.

Citing the importance to labor of the post he seeks, that of Attorney General, he said:

"If there had been an anti-labor Attorney General in office instead of Pat Brown, you can be sure that the so-called 'right to work' measure would have

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### ANTI 'RIGHT TO WORK' MEETING IS POSTPONED

The anti 'right to work' mass meeting which had been scheduled for May 19 at the Oakland Auditorium has been postponed, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash announces, due to the present uncertainty as to the status of the anti-labor initiative, and to conflicting dates which would prevent some of the leading speakers to be present.

## BTC to strengthen fraternal tie to Central Council

The value of strengthening the tie between the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council was stressed at the last BTC meeting.

On motion of Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, the council voted to refer to the Board of Business Agents the naming of a fraternal delegate from the BTC to the Central Labor Council.

Rutledge pointed out that the late Tom J. Roberts of the Engineers had for years served as fraternal delegate, faithfully attending meetings of both the BTC and the CLC, and by his reports maintaining liaison between the two.

Lately there have been special

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## It's Grandpa Ash is his name now

It's Grandpa Ash now, a daughter having been born Sunday to Mrs. Donald Judd of Hayward. Mrs. Judd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Ash, and when Mrs. Judd arrived in the world as Barbara Ash the event was noted on the first page of East Bay Labor Journal. Her father, as some of our readers may have heard, is executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, and she and her husband are popular citizens of Hayward.



# HOW TO BUY

## A evaluation of small cars

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

While the 1958 standard-size U. S. cars are far behind this year, there's been a big increase in sales of imported small cars, and of the U. S. economy models, the Rambler and Studebaker Scotsman.

Dozens of imported makes are pouring into the U. S. from all over the world to exploit this interest. Even G. M. and Ford are bringing in the small cars they make in other countries, and are reported to be exploring production of small cars here.

What are the facts about the imported cars?

Actually they are not cheap to buy, but are more economical to operate. The four-cylinder imports run from \$1500 to \$2000 plus transportation from port of entry and some are as much and even more than standard-transmission American sixes. The recently introduced Rambler American, a six, lists at about \$1790, the Scotsman at \$1776 (including heater), and the other popular price American sixes at \$2050 to \$2150 (F.O.B.) Too, while discounts are widely available on the domestic makes, genuine price cuts as well as fake, the imported-car dealers hold their prices firmly.

The truth is, some of the foreign manufacturers, including those whose homes are in the U. S., are not bringing in the real economy models they sell abroad, but the de luxe models. Also, supply seems closely-enough gauged to the demand for these cars so that there is no pressure to trim prices.

The real saving is in gas. Most of these small-four-cylinder imports average 32 miles on a gallon, compared to the approximately 16, on the average, of an American six, and the 14-15 for eights. The economy-type American cars, such as Rambler and Scotsman, are producing about 18-24 miles per gallon, owners report. You can estimate a standard-size popular-price American six will average about 2 cents a mile for fuel, the compact-type American sixes, about 1.3 to 1.7 cents, and the small imports, about 1 cent.

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A family that does a moderate 6000-7000 miles a year, may not find the fuel saving as vital since small imports also have at least one financial disadvantage. Reports indicate that some of the foreign car repair specialists are charging stiff prices, and replacement parts also are sometimes costly.

In driving, the noticeable advantage of the small cars is easy handling in traffic and parking. For one thing, they have less overhang than the American cars. The actual wheelbases are not as much smaller as the overall size. For example, the wheelbase of one import is 22 inches shorter than that of a leading American make, but the overall length is 33 inches less.

On long trips, the ride provided by the small cars is stiffer, and the quarters may seem cramped to a large family. The lower power becomes most noticeable on hills, where extra gear-shifting is required. In general, these cars seem more suitable for city driving than over-the-road.

The solution for moderate-income families who need one car for all driving purposes at a reasonable price, still is not a small car at close to \$2000, nor a power-packed mammoth. It is more likely to be one of the more compact standard shift sixes. For the family that must keep down costs, the solution is even more likely to be a late-model used six, with much of the greater depreciation of American cars already written off, at a price of about \$1400-\$1500 for the yearling, and about \$1000 for the two-year old. And the best time to buy is coming up: right after July 4 when used cars undergo their annual markdown.

## Easy dessert

Interesting and easy desserts may be prepared from canned pears and dried prunes.

For an unusual compote, pit cooked prunes and arrange them attractively with pear halves or olives in a glass bowl. Mix a desired amount of the juices of the fruits and flavor to taste with cognac or apple brandy, or with minced preserved ginger and some of the ginger syrup. Pour juice over fruit and chill well. Serve plain or with whipped cream.

## Light meal

"Only cheese for dinner tonight, Jill?" asked a husband. "Yes, dear," replied his wife. "When the chops caught fire and fell into the pie, I had to use the soup to put the flames out."

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

"A GIRL should dress as though Christ were her escort," Billy Graham said in a recent sermon, commenting on tight skirts.

It is not irreverent to point out that there is shrewd wit in Graham's remark. It is said so concisely, and in exactly ten words sketches such a vivid picture of two quite dissimilar personages walking along together that it fulfils beautifully one definition of wit:

"Sudden and ingenious association of ideas or words causing surprise and merriment."

Of course, in this case it might be argued that the word, merriment, is inappropriate, but if you put a period after the word, surprise, the definition fits Graham's statement perfectly.

**BILLY GRAHAM** is a man as well as a religious crusader, and all men get some satisfaction out of criticizing the clothes women wear. This is one of the minor manias of men.

The present writer, for instance, gets great satisfaction out of flying into a frenzy of rage every time he sees a woman draping her coat over her shoulders instead of putting it on.

"Why doesn't she put the blamed thing on the way she's supposed to?" he asks while rolling on the floor and chewing the linoleum in his rage.

Supposed to? Supposed to by whom?

**WOMEN**, however, go right ahead wearing the clothes that are designed for them, mostly, by men, so other men, whether from the pulpit or in ordinary conversation, can denounce them.

## Women in labor unions

Sixty years ago a woman union member was hard to find; today 1/3 of the country's total union membership are women. People today are aware of the fact that women belong to labor unions, but that they are members only. Such is not the case. Thousands of women today serve as local presidents, with or without salary; but in any case it is as an elective position, and these women are the top representatives in their local union affairs. There are hundreds in regional or district levels. There are actually 200 who are serving as full-time officers of AFLCIO at regional level.

At national level they are fewer in number; i.e. as vice presidents, business agents or other important positions. — Ann Smith, Executive Board Member, Commercial Telegraphers.

## Mother's blinds

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## Tall story of tall girls

A most interesting report comes from Pomona College. A psychology prof there, Dr. Graham B. Bell, and a girl senior, Carole McCoy, have just completed a research project on the effect of height on girls' mentality and personality.

It's sad news for the short ones!

In their their study of 50 Pomona coeds of all height gradations, the researchers found:

1. Eighty percent of those girls who were 5 feet 7 or more considered themselves tall.

2. These tall girls—concluded the researchers—are more "ascendant" than shorter girls; they stand up better for their rights and tend to be leaders. They also are better adjusted, more optimistic, more even in mood, more socially oriented, and more tolerant of others.

Oh, yes, one more thing: Carole McCoy stands 5 foot 10!

And one more: Doc Bell, he's 6-4!—Whitaker & Baxter Feature Service.

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**WOMEN** have got themselves into all sorts of trades and professions, but the field of car designing has been left entirely too much in masculine hands.

Women may like the low, long lines, the sky-scraping fins, the chrome, the gay colors, but they probably would not have thought up all these superfluities by themselves, for after all, women are essentially practical people.

No, the first thing a woman would do would be to design a car with more closet space.

At the present time only only storage space in the car is the so-called glove compartment, a cluttered little cubbyhole which contains everything but gloves!

It is true that the trunks on the modern car are vast caverns, but what woman wants to crawl out of the car, unlock the trunk, and paw around among the fishing-tackle and camping gear to find a bottle of hand lotion? Or a spare pair of nylons, or a little sewing kit to take care of emergency repairs, or any one of a dozen or so items which milady might want on a trip?

It is true there is a huge shelf above the back seat, where at present many items are placed, in full view of the public. Anyone may know what brand of tissue you use, or what size first aid kit you carry, or what magazines you favor.

Even if you do not mind this lack of privacy, there is the solid fact that every time the car comes to a sudden stop, everything may come cascading down.

Modern cars are huge affairs, with vast empty spaces in them. But it never occurs to the masculine designers that the same women who like a lot of cupboard space in their kitchens, spend a lot of time in these ill-equipped houses on wheels.

It is high time that women either begin designing practical and efficient car interiors, or rebel against the masculine complacency that women are entirely content with what they are now getting.

## Hopsacking goes magical

The pickings among cotton fashions are far from slim. The transformation this fabric has undergone since the days it was first processed by Eli Whitney, is sheer magic.

Even humble hopsacking receives a fresh twist. Closely woven and printed with red roses on beige ground, the fabric is a pinching cousin to actual needlepoint.

## Good question

After a very trying day, Susie added coals to the fire by asking her mother, "How come it's temper when I slam things and nerves when you do?"

## DIAMOND AWARDS

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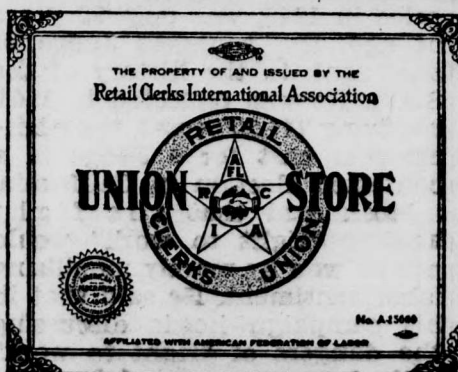
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## Crisis in Oakland schools discussed by Teachers Union

There is a real crisis in our Oakland school system and it is the responsibility and duty of every teacher in Oakland to know the facts and act!

The seriousness of this situation is exemplified by the slow deterioration of the basic principle of education: To maintain the best teacher-pupil relationship, we must have the best teachers possible teaching classes of the lowest numbers possible. This is not being done. The public knows it, the students know it, and you know it.

We all realize that part of the blame is a result of the financial crisis that we have allowed to arise, but a perusal of the latest proposed budget gives us the clues to the basic truth that the Board is ignoring or paying lip service to the basic principle of education stated above.

This is difficult for us to realize for we have been conditioned to rationalize all the educational jargon of technical nonsense which leaves us further and further from the real essentials of public education.

We are being sold down the river of educational expediency while the "Empire Builders" maintain their educational fortress at all costs. And we have let it happen—the professional certified personnel—the teachers! We must, therefore, attempt to seek the facts, to pierce the layer upon layer of educational gobbledegook and meet the real issues head on—for it is our duty and responsibility. Let us not underestimate our worth and power. The public looks to us, the teachers, for leadership. They have looked elsewhere and have found it wanting!

The real crisis is here, now—1958. If we continue to be apathetic and condition ourselves to this deplorable philosophy, the 1958-59 budget represents, we will have relinquished our duties as teachers and citizens!—**Ronald Miller, editor, Oakland Federation of Teachers.**

## Ward charges not sustained by NLRB

Charges filed with the NLRB by Montgomery Ward & Company against 35 locals of the Retail Clerks, including Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265, were found baseless by Ross M. Madden of the 13th NLRB District in Chicago.

A copy of the findings has been received by Russ Mathiesen, secretary-treasurer, Local 1265.

The big corporation had claimed that the Clerks in Hayward and elsewhere had tried to include persons not eligible in the voting unit, had tried to get a union shop in "right to work" States, had tried to get contracts where a question of representation existed, and that union negotiations had refused to state the extent of their authority.

All the cases involving the 35 locals were consolidated for handling by the Chicago district of the NLRB.

Madden held that further proceedings on the basis of the company's charges were unwarranted, and that accordingly no complaints would be issued against the union.

## Brown campaigners active in Oakland

A Brown-for-Governor Campaign Committee of residents of Oakland has been formed, according to C. L. Dellums, Secretary of the group.

Included in a partial list are: Robert G. Adams, Robert Ash, William H. Brailsford, Jr., Robert P. Brorby, Joe W. Chaudet, J. Lamar Childers, Carl F. Dittmar, Mrs. Ethelyn Kaplan, Scott D. Kellog, John J. King, Wilmer Lee, Peter L. Levy, Raymond D. Louie, Benjamin F. Marlowe, William H. McInerney, Louis A. Musmaker, Elmer E. Nichols, C. P. Paduck, Edward O. Reyes, George L. Rice, Hiawatha T. Roberts, Edward Rosenkrantz, Clarence E. Rust, Rupert Ryan, William Springer, Arthur C. Volonte and John F. Wells.

## That suit against Oakland Tribune

About the only good that could come from commentator Fulton J. Lewis, Jr.'s, brash remarks about Casper Weinberger, which implied that he had been playing footsie with the Communist Party, was an opportunity to make Lewis eat the words in 1000's of words of free publicity. Candidate for Attorney General Weinberger was fortunate that Lewis' remarks were made early enough in the campaign to afford ample time for retraction—which has been turned to Weinberger's favor.

Less fortunate was Dr. Grover MacLeod on the eve of a City Council race when Oakland's one and only daily alleged an endorsement by the People's World for MacLeod. It probably cost MacLeod the election and, from last reports, MacLeod's suit for nearly half a million dollars against the Tribune is still being kicked around in the state courts. —**Alameda County Observer.**

**LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT** workers in Los Angeles have voted to accept an offer by the company, overriding the recommendation of the IAM officers that it be rejected.

## Civil rights neglected by the republicans, says Candidate Stanley Mosk

"It is unfortunate that the national administration has abdicated leadership in the fight for civil rights," Superior Judge Stanley Mosk Democratic candidate for Attorney General, said as he criticized recent declarations of U. S. Attorney General William Rogers that "no new civil rights measures will be pushed during the current session of Congress."

"Certainly in this year following the Little Rock incidents when many states and school districts still thwart the decision of the Supreme Court on integration, we need action to eliminate pockets of resistance to the law of the land."

## Petris campaign

Mrs. Laura Fraser and Xenophon Cardiasmenos have been appointed vice-chairmen of the Nick Petris for Assembly campaign in the 15th District, according to John J. King, general chairman. E. L. Friedrich, Oakland contractor, has accepted chairmanship of the finance committee.

## Miller's opponent agonizes the GOP

The high command of the GOP in Alameda County has been tearing out most of its hair recently due to the ripe old Confederate sentiments of a Republican candidate in the 8th Congressional District, Alfred Nelson.

Nelson, an agonized statement by the GOP County Republican Central Committee reminds all who will heed, has publicly stated that "I favor and will support segregation both in schools and in residential districts and believe that every white family desiring to live separate and apart from colored people should have a right to do so."

The County GOP says it has been getting "numerous phone calls and inquiries about this," and that "this candidate does not represent the Republican Party's stand on this issue."

The Representative in the 8th Congressional District is George P. Miller, Democrat, who is backed by the AFLCIO for reelection.

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## Cohelan's career sketched by State Fed's newsletter

Jeffery Cohelan, member of the Berkeley City Council, and prominent figure in the San Francisco Bay area labor movement, is the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 7th Congressional District against a 12-year Republican incumbent.

Cohelan, 43, has served as secretary-treasurer of Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 302, for the past 16 years. He has been a member of the union since 1936.

A Berkeley city councilman since May 1955, he has also been a member of the Berkeley Welfare Commission and the Berkeley Tax Commission.

Cohelan's district enjoys a 54 percentage Democratic registration.

Cohelan, a graduate of the University of California, was awarded a Fulbright scholarship in 1953 under which he studied at the universities of Oxford and Leeds in England.

In addition to other varied activities, Cohelan is currently a consultant to the California Institute of Industrial Relations. He has served on the boards of directors units of American Red Cross, United Crusade and the Y.M.C.A.

Cohelan resides in Berkeley with his wife and four children.

The 7th Congressional District consists of northern Oakland, Berkeley, Piedmont, Albany and Emeryville. — State Federation Newsletter.

VERNON PANKEY, secretary-treasurer of the Cannery Workers here, was elected chairman of the Oakland Housing Authority at the authority's annual reorganization meeting.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

It appears that the Dahnken Wholesale Distributor situation as referred to last week has been settled to the satisfaction of the union. Not only has the price advertising been eliminated, but also, no further watch repairing is to be done on the premises. They also agreed that their watch repairs would be sent to a union watchmaker.

We are sorry to have to report that we could not reach an amicable agreement with the Mutual Watch Institute of America. Therefore, we have requested strike sanction from the San Francisco Labor Council. We already have received strike sanction from the San Mateo Labor Council, inasmuch as their establishment was located in the County of San Mateo, however, has been moved to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. —Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

## Bob Rivers of CWA goes on CLC board

Bob Rivers, Communications Workers 9490, will take the seat on the Central Labor Council executive committee made vacant by the death of Al Fineman of the International Union of Electrical Workers.

Rivers and Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798, were nominated at the council meeting this week, but Wells declined, so at the next meeting a white ballot will be cast by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, and Rivers will be in.

## Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

Carpenters are being allowed a choice between Blue Cross and Kaiser in their health and welfare program. Those carpenters desiring Kaiser coverage must indicate their choice before May 23 at the latest.

A breakdown on the comparative coverage between the two plans has been sent to each carpenter. Unless a change is indicated, coverage will remain with Blue Cross.

Those carpenters indicating either plan must remain in that plan for at least a year. It is my understanding that the carpenter will have a chance to make a change, if desired, only once a year.

This matter is somewhat rushed because it was only recently that the health and welfare trustees were able to negotiate such a choice. They are trying to make it effective as of June 1, 1958. This option was mainly sparked by the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters as many of our people kept private Kaiser plans even though covered by health and welfare.

This matter has been brought up at every trustee meeting for the past several years, and represents a step in giving our people what they want in the way of medical coverage.

## County candidates will address Pension Clubs

A joint meeting of the Pension Labor Democratic Clubs of Alameda County will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the True Food cafeteria, 308 - 14th St., County President C. F. Dittmar announces. The meeting is set for May 23.

The speakers will be Supervisors Leland W. Sweeney and Francis Dunn, candidates for reelection, and Elinor E. Peterson, candidate for the office of county tax collector and treasurer.

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## Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

In a previous issue of East Bay Labor Journal on page eight, upper right hand corner there was a short letter by Joe Rasco, which comes very near hitting the nail on the head. I have to admit that we do a lot of yacking but not much action, except to run to a lawyer to see if we are right or wrong, and by the time we find out the jobs are done. By the way I am given to understand that there is very little unemployment among the lawyers.

At the last meeting of the District Council the show was fairly good, some liked it some didn't. Let's hope that in the future there will be more business and less showmanship. By the time of our special meeting May 22 we hope to have a report of the number of registered voters in our local union.

As the June elections are coming very fast I would like to call attention to the condition our schools are going to be in if the tax increase is again defeated.

We all know that any woodwork on the outside must be protected or replaced in a few years also that rest rooms must be kept clean to avoid disease of the children. Why not be a sport and give the kids a break, for God knows they need it, vote yes.

I wonder why so many of our business firms have to go to San Francisco and in some cases as far as Los Angeles to get their painting done. It may be they think these outside contractors will rent their rooms, buy their merchandise, patronize their restaurants and help to pay the taxes we all have to pay.

I know they pay a small business tax, but who would not, in comparison to the amounts they take out of the East Bay each year. I would suggest that we patronize only those who realize that the East Bay worker must also make a living.

Don't forget Thursday, May 22 the special meeting to which you should bring your wife and enjoy a good time.

## CLC for schools proposal, delays MUD bonds action

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of the CLC and the Building Trades Council had adopted, and that it was based on two ideas: a) that the community needs water, and access to the headwaters of the Mokelumne must be protected at once; b) that disapproval should be expressed of the MUD labor policy.

Al Thomas, Carpenters 36, supported Ash, declaring that ultimately \$283,000 would be spent on the project, mostly contract work, that is, not done by the MUD maintenance people; and that "we must take the attitude that the good of the community requires this project."

Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, contended that Chaudet was right. These MUD people were always anti-union, then when they want something they try to rush labor off its feet.

Bud Williams said that it would seem like blackmail to hold up the endorsement, and that if all the unions would stand together on the old and correct theory that an injury to one is an injury to all, MUD could be organized.

George Stokes, Oakland Teachers 777, asked if workers for MUD were classed as public service employees, like teachers, and consequently were under restrictions concerning unionism. Vern Stambaugh, Carmen 192, said that under legislation adopted a couple of years ago, districts such as MUD could negotiate and sign union contracts.

Bill Champion, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, said that the CLC was entitled to more consideration from MUD management, as years ago it was organized labor which went from door to door urging the formation of the big utilities district. He remembered doing it himself.

Stokes moved that the matter be sent back to the executive committee to report on next week, and by a little more than a 2 to 1 vote this was done.

During the debate it developed that CLC unions directly concerned in organizing MUD are the Municipal Employees of which Ed Reith is business representative, and the Office Employees of which John Kinnick is president.

The BTC unions would expect work under the construction bonds, but have been critical of the management's tendency to use its maintenance people for work which the BTC contends belongs to building tradesmen.

BAKERY WORKERS 119 and the Oakland Bakers Club reached agreement on a proposed new contract after 35 hours of continuous bargaining: 10-cent hourly raise now and 19 cents more during the next two years, says Herb Denk.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The next regular meeting, May 20th, will be a special meeting to act on:

(1) Nominations for the office of general vice president and members of the Law Committee.

(2) Resolution of policy to increase dues \$1.00 per month.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death Assessments No. 427, 428 and 429 are now due and payable. Brother James Robert Mullane, No. 8918, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away March 11, 1958; Brother James A. Porter, No. 97774, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on March 9, 1958 and Local No. 216's Brother William F. Jackson, No. 149948, passed away on March 6, 1958.

Blood donors are needed for Mrs. Ilene Vasconcelles, wife of Frank Vasconcelles, who has had a serious operation. If you are able to give blood, please contact the Blood Bank of Alameda - Contra Costa Medical Association at 6230 Claremont Ave., Oakland; Phone OLYmpic 4-2924. Mrs. Vasconcelles was in Highland Hospital. Her name and hospital will be needed when you call at the Blood Bank.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meeting will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All members are urged to attend a special credit union meeting to be held at Carpenters Hall, Tuesday at 8 p.m., May 27, 1958.

Starting in the month of June a special feature will be held to try to stimulate better attendance at our union meetings.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings each Friday at Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road, Hayward, at 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Fraternally,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 252, phone TWInorks 3-1120.

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The meeting of May 22, at 8 p.m. is a special called meeting. There will be a very interesting motion picture shown on the much talked about labor wrecking "right to work" bill, we will also have a very good speaker to talk on the labor view of the bill.

All members are requested to come and to bring their wives to this very important meeting on the "right to work" bill. There will also be refreshments served for all. I hope to see each and every member and the wives at this special meeting May 22. A card will also be sent out to all the members to remind you of the date and time.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 20.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## S. F. OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at Key System Employees Bldg., 410 - 11th Street, Oakland, California on Sunday afternoon, May 18, 1958 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
DUNCAN C. ROSS,  
Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, May 16 is the date for our next regular meeting. You never know what subject may come up on the floor that should be settled by a larger attendance than we usually have, but which doesn't call for a special meeting. Again we urge you to show up, and take part in the meetings. Your attendance is needed.

The discussion of such a question came up on the floor at the last meeting. You will receive evidence of the settlement of this subject, through the Post Office as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## MILLMEN 550

Attention of the members is called to the fact that Blood Bank Assessment No. 5 is now due.

Fraternally,  
E. H. OVENBERG,  
Financial Secretary

## PAINT MAKERS 1101

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Under a special order of business at 9:00 p.m. of the regular meeting, May 20, 1958 nominations for the following offices will be in order: For a term of 3 years, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary-treasurer, Warden, Conductor. For a term of 18 months one Trustee. Delegates to Alameda County Central Labor Council (4), District Council of Painters No. 16 (4), COPE (4), Contra Costa County Central Labor Council (2), Labor Temple Association (1).

This is your chance to nominate the people that you think will do a good job for you for the next terms of office. Your attendance is urgently requested. Regular meeting May 20, 1958 starts at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

Yours fraternally,  
PETE CEREMELLO,  
Business Representative

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be held in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## Crowell & Castelluccio elected to high office in New Laundry Union

Russ Crowell of Cleaners Local 3009 was elected an international vice president of the new AFLCIO Laundry & Dry Cleaning International Union, and Mildred Castelluccio, Laundry Workers Local 3031, was elected a trustee, at the founding convention of the new international in Washington this week.

Henry Romiguere, San Francisco Local 3010, was also elected an international vice president.

The old international was ousted by the AFLCIO on charges of corrupt leadership.

**SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE**, headed by George McLain, at its convention in Oakland over the weekend, endorsed Pat Brown, Democrat, for Governor. McLain announced that a bill will be introduced in Congress calling for increased Federal aid to State old age pensioners and support of needy children and the blind.

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## Labor statesman of Austria visits East Bay: 2 big questions about U. S.

Friedrich Konir, distinguished labor leader and statesman of Austria, was in Oakland over the weekend visiting labor people, accompanied by Dr. Harold S. Courant of the U. S. Department of State. Konir is studying conditions in the U. S. under the auspices of the State Department's exchange program.

Konir is secretary for Lower Austria's section of the Austrian Trade Union Federation, a position roughly equivalent, apparently, to that of secretary of a State Federation in this country. There are 1,400,000 trade unionists in Austria, and in the state or province of Lower Austria there are some 254,000, the second largest of the state groups, the largest being Vienna.

Konir is a metal worker by trade, having started as an elevator worker, then a locksmith, both these skills being under the metal workers union; and he worked as an auto technician during the war.

From 1946 to 1956 Konir edited the Young Worker, monthly trade union paper for the younger members, and for years was in charge of the youth movement for the unions, but on attaining the age of 51 he figured it was time to quit handling the youth end of the deal.

But he's plenty busy in the trade union work, as on top of his Lower Austria secretaryship he handles the radio advertising and new membership drive of the unions over all Austria.

Konir was elected in 1954 to the Austrian parliament as a Social Democrat representing the 23rd district, with 30,000 constituents; the term of office is 5 years.

Konir was editor of the Social Democratic paper during the Russian occupation. There were some 90,000 subscribers, and he says every time the Russians banned the paper and it came out under a new name, interest of the readers in it seemed to increase.

Austria is governed by a coalition of Socialists and Catholics, and Konir thinks that the Com-

munist never got more than 4% of the vote. In 1950 a putsch was attempted by them, but the Socialist workers stopped them in their tracks. In earlier years, Konir and his associates were busy opposing the Fascists.

Konir feels that the Marshall Plan was an economic blood transfusion which doubled the production of the country. Harry S. Truman is a popular name in Austria, he says.

Asked about the American recession's effect on his country, Konir quoted an Austrian economist who says that "when the United States has a cold, Austria has pneumonia." But so far it hasn't hit terribly hard.

Konir feels that Franklin D. Roosevelt started a wave of beneficial social legislation that went around the world.

On his tour Konir has visited New York, New Orleans, Houston, Albuquerque, and San Francisco, and following his visit to Oakland he is going to Denver, Detroit, Chicago, Washington, and then home. He does not speak English, but talks readily through Dr. Courant as interpreter.

Konir has been surprised, he says, by the universal helpfulness and friendliness of Americans. In the Old South, he saw, to his surprise and pleasure, Negro and white children playing together happily, but in some parts of the country he has seen slums which to him seem out of step with the progress general in the nation.

There are two questions, says Konir, which dominate all European thinking about America: Can we settle our race relations problem, and can we avoid recurrent disastrous economic crisis?

**KEY SYSTEM'S** operating rights are sought by the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, and the State Public Utilities Commission is being asked to set a price on them and some of the equipment. The matter would have to go before the voters in November.

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## John Pilch 'Prog' candidate, visits Typos in East Bay

John J. Pilch of Chicago, candidate for first vice president of the International Typographical Union in the election which begins next Wednesday, May 21, was in Oakland Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Pilch. He is an international representative of the union.

"We're combining our vacation with a campaign trip," said Pilch.

Pilch, whose name went all over the nation some years ago during the big, and finally successful, strike of his home local, Chicago Typographical Union No. 16, against the big newspapers of that city, is a candidate on the Progressive ticket.

There are two parties in the ITU, the Progressives and the Independents, as established in that union as the Democrats and Republicans are in the United States. Woodruff Randolph, ITU president, retiring after 30 years as an international union officer, has long headed the Progressives. Elmer Brown, of New York Typographical Union No. 6, a former international vice president, heads the Progressive ticket this year.

Joe Bailey of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18, is running on the Progressive ticket for reelection as third vice president, and Don Hurd, formerly secretary of Oakland Typographical 36, is running on the same ticket for reelection as international secretary-treasurer.

Pilch found on driving from Chicago by automobile and stopping in various cities that even where unemployment has not hit unions hard during the recession, it has cut down overtime and caused members to think more about the need for good conditions and protective measures.

## Ministers see us acting so natural

Nineteen Presbyterian ministers attended this week's meeting of the Central Labor Council. Their spokesman, the Rev. Mr. Scott, explained that for 14 years that church has been carrying on an annual program of study of labor unions, with Chicago the headquarters of the activity. The group at the CLC meeting, he said, included men all the way from New Mexico to the State of Washington.

Mr. Scott said he hoped the council delegates would "act in a normal and natural way, and not feel they were acting under observation."

President Al Brown assured the ministers, with a slight touch of gloom in his voice, that he was sure they would act natural, they always did. And pretty soon they did!

## Apprentices given advice in booklet

Preparation for craftsmanship in the skilled trades is discussed in a booklet published recently by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

Directed to high school students and counselors, the booklet stresses the importance of education and sound training in developing successful careers in industry.

An explanation of apprentice training and its advantages to young people in equipping them for craftsmanship in the skilled trades; qualifications for apprenticeship; choosing a trade; and where to apply for training are covered in the booklet.

Titled, "Planned Training . . . Your Future Security," the booklet may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C.

## Judge Mosk and Reuther warn: Don't get into Knowland trap

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been called 'right to work' or 'union democracy' or some such term as that when it went on the ballot. But Attorney General Brown treated the question objectively and fairly when it was presented to him for a title, and simply called it Employer-Employee Relations."

Roy Reuther, who before speaking at the meeting of the CLC had taken an active part in the Union Leadership Conference at Monterey sponsored by the CLC, stated flatly that he was worried about the campaign in California, because, in his opinion, it was centering altogether too much around the personality of Senator Knowland and the issue of the so-called "right to work."

It was important to prevent Knowland from becoming Governor, and it was important to head off the "right to work" menace. But we must not put too many eggs in one basket. If labor makes "right to work" the sole issue it will be falling into Knowland's trap, argued Reuther.

Knowland should be linked with his Republican Party, and that party should be plainly shown to be responsible for conditions which labor people could understand thoroughly.

Unemployment is a plain matter that can be understood. Wives of labor people can understand without hesitation rising prices.

Taxes on consumers can be understood, too, said Reuther, and the plight of the farmer and small businessman, and these things should be driven home by labor at the precinct level and door to door.

Rosy pictures are painted by the Administration in Washington, said the UAW spokesman, but most of the automobile industry is going to be down during June, at present there are more than 800,000 unsold new autos in inventory, steel is on a 50% production level.

These questions should be raised, all labor people should be made to realize that the Republican Party has failed on all fronts to take care of the interests of the people. It should all be tied into one big package.

Labor people, said Reuther, are motivated by practical considerations, and these failures of the Republicans are realities which could be understood by labor people in Oakland as well

as in Detroit or any other American city.

Reuther highly praised the Union Leadership Conference at Monterey, and said that the exchanging of ideas had obviously stimulated all who attended it. He said that the Alameda County Central Labor Council was building a reputation all over the country among labor people for its progressiveness and the way it had pioneered merging AFL and CIO unions into a practical working organization.

Reuther emphasized, too, that the labor movement here is right in emphasizing political activity.

"Labor doesn't control Congress," said Reuther. "Our one chance is to get into the precincts and see to it that good men are sent to the Legislatures and to Congress. And we must have more of a hand in choosing the candidates. We must raise our sights all along the line."

## USC Chancellor casts in his lot with anti-labor 'right to work' scheme

The Chancellor of the University of Southern California has stepped forward as a declared enemy of the organized labor movement.

Dr. Rufus von Kleinsmid, Chancellor of USC, has become a member of the executive committee of an organization pledged to impose the compulsory open shop on California workers.

The announcement of von Kleinsmid's action was made by Los Angeles headquarters of the anti-labor Citizens Committee for Voluntary Unionism.—State Federation Newsletter.

## White Collar Conference for Office Employees

"What's ahead for White Collar Workers" will be a theme running through the one day conference for office workers, sponsored by the three Bay Area Locals of the Office Employees International Union (Locals No. 29, Oakland; Local 3, San Francisco; and Local 243, Richmond), and the American Labor Education Service.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## 'Voluntary' union booster cuts pay, increases hours

G. C. Paxton, head of the General Nailing Corporation in Sanger, California, was in the March 13 issue of the Sanger Herald identified as chairman of the Northern California Citizens Committee for Voluntary Unionism, the "right to work" crowd.

So reports the Valley Labor Citizen of Fresno in its issue of April 18, and in the same issue publishes a direct reproduction of a "Notice to All Employees" of the Nailing Corporation, signed by J. G. Paxton, son of G. C. Paxton. J. G. Paxton is manager of the plant.

This unilateral notice to all employees explains that the company has decided that if the employees worked more hours per week at lower pay it would be better for all concerned.

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\$1.30	\$1.15
1.45	1.28
1.50	1.33
1.60	1.41
1.65	1.46
1.70	1.50
1.80	1.59
1.85	1.64
1.95	1.72

"Under this new program we will try to provide more hours per week per man," the notice explains. "Working a six day week will increase gross pay."

The final sentence introduces a folks all-in-the-family note:

"Chester, Kenny or Erwin will inform each man of the hours he is to work each week."

The Valley Labor Citizen, contemplating this interesting document, says:

"Right here at home, in Sanger, exposed in their very own snakepit of lies and deceit are Wild Bill Knowland's 100-percent phony voluntary unionists . . .

"High-sounding committees for voluntary unionism are not really interested in voluntary unionism at all. They are just interested in destroying the bargaining power of unions and exposing defenseless workers to the repressive wage-cutting schemes of labor-hating employers."

The Valley Labor Citizen recites a long history of the Paxton outfit's battles with organized labor, and comments on the effect of the recent notice to employees as follows:

"First he cuts wages. Then he stretches out the workweek to 48 hours. To maintain the same production, Paxton can then fire one of every six workers. If a large corporation employing say 60,000 men worked the Paxton stunt, it could cut 10,000 persons. What then would happen to unemployment figures? Consumer buying power?"

Paxton's sole nailing machine competitor in California is under contract with the Machinists. According to the Fresno labor paper this unionized competitor's "starting wage is \$1.68 an hour, 53 cents higher than Paxton pays," and the unionized competitor's "highest scale is \$2.60, 88 cents higher than Paxton pays."

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## BTC to strengthen fraternal tie to Central Council

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committees, 5 members from each council, to achieve mutual understanding on various pressing subjects. Among these were the working out of the constitution for COPE (the AFLCIO Council on Political Education for Alameda County), the boycott of Montgomery Ward's stores, and the question of whether or not organized labor should endorse the East Bay Municipal Utilities bond issue coming before the voters June 3.

Also, of course, there has much come up about the fight against the proposed "right to work" initiative.

### TRANSIT MOVE

Notice was received from the Bay Area Rapid Transit Commission that a 27-minute movie, "Millions on the Move," has been prepared, which could be made available for use by union locals. The question was referred to the board.

### BTC PACTS

It was announced that Tony Lopes, general contractor and Cecil Moore & Art Darcey had signed BTC contracts.

### REGIONAL COPE

Notice was received of the regional COPE meeting to be held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco June 7-8, with labor people interested in political activity present from California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, and Idaho.

## 'Right to Work' drive attacked by Schnitzler

CINCINNATI, Ohio—"Millions of dollars" will be spent on "right to work" propaganda in Ohio this year, in an effort to "mislead voters" into "voting against the best interests of workers, of enlightened management, of small business, of farmers," AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler declared in an address here.

Schnitzler said that the sponsors of such "vicious" legislation "are the people who have fought against every social welfare step that has been taken in the state of Ohio," including unemployment compensation, workmen's compensation, extension of the public school system and old age pensions.

"A right to work law," he continued, "cannot and will not build the climate of mutual regard and respect and understanding between workers and employers that is the bedrock upon which a free collective bargaining in a free economy should be built."—AFLCIO News.

Ask to see the union shop card before you buy anything!

## League of Women Voters tells why school tax increase June 3 sought

The League of Women Voters of Oakland is presenting this information in the belief that a thorough appraisal of the facts will lead to an intelligent solution of the many problems of Oakland's schools.

The present tax ceiling of the Oakland School District, is \$2.00 for each \$100 of assessed valuation of property. This is the maximum amount permitted by state law for kindergarten through junior college, which is what the Oakland system provides, except that before this amount can be increased it must be approved by the voters.

No other unit of government needs this voter approval but may increase tax rates as the need arises. The revenue from this tax, plus state aid and a small amount of federal aid, finances the day-to-day operation of the schools in providing supplies, equipment, salaries, and maintenance.

Bond funds, from the recent voter-approved 40 million dollar bond issue, for example, cannot be used for school operation, but only for the construction of buildings and the purchase of land and equipment for new buildings.

Because of the nature of the instructional services necessary in a school system, the major cost of any school district is salaries.

Many people are not certain of the meaning of "permissive tax." A "permissive tax" allows the voters to, if necessary, tax up to a designated amount, such as the \$1.12 the Board of Education is requesting. The Board has stated that, at most, 56¢ is all of the \$1.12 that will be levied this coming year if the increase is approved. The present tax ceiling of \$2.00 is a "permissive" tax, and not all of that of that amount was levied for many years.

Some individuals oppose tax

## Arizona labor is trying RW repeal

TUCSON, Ariz. — An all-out battle to repeal Arizona's 11-year-old "right-to-work" constitutional amendment was pledged here at the third annual convention of the Arizona AFLCIO.

The convention voted to hold a special convention in Phoenix next January to map strategy for the fight against the "right-to-work" amendment, passed in 1947.

Before acting, the 350 delegates heard E. P. Theiss, AFLCIO regional director, issue a blistering attack on such amendments, terming them "a gun aimed at our heads."—AFLCIO News.

increases for schools because they feel that a local property tax should not be the only source of local revenue. By state law, school districts may levy taxes only on property. Present distribution of cost between state support and local property taxes, or the inclusion of means other than property taxes locally, can be changed only by state legislation.

Other people question whether the Oakland schools are operated economically. According to figures published by the State Department of Education and the California Taxpayers Association, the average cost per student for the 12 unified school districts in California offering kindergarten through junior college is \$359.30 per pupil. Oakland, which is one of these 12 districts, has a cost of \$357.55 per pupil.

From a total of 36 school districts in Alameda County, 29 districts have increased rates above the statutory tax rate limit. Seven, including Oakland, have not.

## Union Leadership meet so successful Stewards' conference now planned

The Union Leadership Conference at Monterey last weekend sponsored by the Central Labor Council was so successful that the council at its meeting this week asked the executive committee to consider holding a similar conference in Oakland for shop stewards and other unpaid union officers.

This was on motion of Joe W. Chaudet, representing the Newspaper Guild. Another motion, introduced by William Stumpf of the Steelworkers Machinists, commended the council staff, that is, Secretary Robert S. Ash and Assistant Secretaries Richard Groulx and Art Hellender, for their fine work in arranging the conference.

Many delegates who had been to the conference said from the floor that they had benefited very much by its sessions.

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## TREUTLEIN AND WALTER FOR CO. EDUCATION BOARD

The AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) this week added the following two endorsements for the June 3 election to its previously published list, COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash announces:

For Alameda County Board of Education:

Area No. 1: CHARLOTTE TREUTLEIN

Area No. 4: GEORGE A. WALTER JR.

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## Holmdahl district chairmen named

John W. Holmdahl, Oakland City Councilman and endorsed Democratic candidate for the office of State Senator, Alameda County, announces that Levin Charles of Oakland, past president of the 15th Assembly District Democratic Club, heads the Holmdahl committee in the 15th Assembly District, and that Leo W. Brown and Mrs. Lillian Potts of Berkeley are co-chairmen of the Holmdahl committee in the 17th Assembly District.

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## Does the one word **MORE** voice labor philosophy?

Professor Kermit Eby, who years ago held a staff position with the CIO, but who now for some time has lived the university life, published in the April issue of the Progressive an article entitled "What Labor Needs."

The next issue of the Progressive, which by the way is now in its fiftieth year, having been founded by the late Senator Robert M. LaFollette Sr.—the next issue published letters to the editor sent in by two well known labor people: Mark Starr, educational director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; and Arnold S. Zander, general president, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The two letters seem to typify the different reaction of labor people to criticism of the trade union movement. Starr feels that while Eby "from the groves of academic irresponsibility . . . preaches perfectionist ideals and methods for trade union leaders, nevertheless, many of us wish that union leaders would study and take to heart most of his suggestions and acquire humor, self-criticism, and dedication to internal union democracy." Zander, on the other hand, says that Eby "fully identifies himself as the master of the empty though pious platitude," and insists that organized labor has already shown that it is so thoroughly aware of the need for changes that Eby's criticisms are but "cliches numerous and unfounded."

One of Eby's points especially arouses Zander's ire. Eby had asked why members should attend union meetings when "the power structures are rigged, and there is no ideology unless it is an emphasis on MORE."

On this question of ideology—we prefer the word, philosophy, which Starr uses, Starr says very pointedly:

"If labor has no group philosophy, the normal business philosophy to get rich, honestly or otherwise, fills the vacuum."

Starr makes it clear, however, that there is real pressure from public opinion for labor people to adopt "the normal business philosophy," for he says:

"Ideally, a rich trade union leader should be as exceptional as a wealthy priest or pastor, because trade union leadership should still be a vocation with non-pecuniary incentives. But if society praises the union for rejecting the class struggle and for accepting business values and its methods, it cannot expect union leaders to be economic celibates."

We suggest that our readers think over these comments of Starr, and ask themselves: Just what is their own concept of the philosophy of the labor movement. Is it just MORE? Or do we have broader, higher, and nobler motives?

## US and USSR at Brussels

At the current world's fair in Brussels, there is much discussion of the relative merits of the Russian and the American exhibits. We gather that the Russian show is rather heavily instructive, and the American show rather lightheartedly entertaining, with a daily fashion show put on by pretty models as a main feature, while the Russians show a model of their sputnik and other technical devices.

Incidentally, there isn't in the show one hint that the trade union is an important American institution which has helped to build our country's greatness.

If these widespread criticisms of our show at Brussels are based on the facts, one might remark that since our country has gone mad on entertainment it isn't a bit surprising that our show at a world's fair indicates that fact.

Louis O. Kelso, a San Francisco attorney, in cooperation with Mortimer J. Adler the philosopher, has written a book entitled "The Capitalist Manifesto" in which the following statement is made:

"The confusion of leisure with idleness or amusement is rampant in our industrial society, when, for the first time in history, it has become possible for all men to have enough free time to engage in leisure . . . Freedom itself is only a means. Freedom can be squandered and perverted as well as put to good use."

Certainly much of the freedom from excessive toil which our labor unions have struggled so hard to win is now "squandered and perverted as well as put to good use." So it's not surprising if this is revealed in our show at the world's fair at Brussels.

## Tie the tin can to Wild Bill!

Roy Reuther, director of the United Auto Workers Citizenship Department, told the executive committee of the Central Labor Council that we'll make a mistake in California if we let Senator Knowland maneuver us into making his "right to work" scheme the one issue of the campaign.

Bring out the full truth, advises Reuther: that Knowland typifies the Republican Party which has brought us into the mess we're now in. That seems like advice well worth taking.



## LABOR AND THE U.N.: THE COMMON INTEREST

This is the second of a series of articles which David Klugman, a member of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, will publish from time to time in East Bay Labor Journal:

Labor has a vital stake in the U. N. It actually is a constituent part of the U. N. through its share of the International Labor Organization. Labor has a direct channel to the U. N. through the Non Governmental Organizations. Labor has been given a seat in the General Assembly when the Administration appointed Mr. George Meany a member of the U. S. delegation to the U. N., the first time a member of organized labor has been so honored.

We shall examine in later columns how these various agencies operate. Labor's interest in the U. N. is really twofold: On the one hand, Labor and the U. N. have the same enemies, the forces of reaction. On the other hand, Labor, as a heavy contributor to the national revenue, in other words, as the principal taxpayer, wants to know how war and peace affect taxes.

The answer is simple: We pay and shall continue to pay, seemingly forever, \$280 per year to cover the expenses of World War 2.

### P. O. is kidded

Postmaster General Summerfield's program for modernizing the postal system and charging all the traffic will bear—seems finally to have reached the Brooklyn Post Office.

That office has just delivered a letter which was mailed in 1917. It was sent from a lumber yard to a nurseryman who lived just one block away. It was franked with a one-cent stamp, the correct rate then. And it enclosed a bill.

Since the letter was mailed the firm which sent it has merged with another and the addressee moved away. But let it not be said that the Post Office forgets all that stuff about couriers "keeping their appointed rounds" in spite of snow, hail and what else.

Not only did the Brooklyn office deliver the letter — after forty years—it charged two cents additional postage. (Because the rate has tripled over these 40 years.) So, to get the letter, two cents "postage due" had to be paid.

To some that may seem a new high in impudence, sheer crust raised to the nth power. But let us keep our blood pressures down. Think what the charge would have been if the Brooklyn Post Office had also tacked on a bill of storage! — Philadelphia Inquirer.

Against that amount, we pay 48 CENTS a year for the complete operations of the U. N. with its many agencies working for peaceful relations among nations.

Unlike the League of Nations which tended to act as a rich men's debating society, the United Nations is vitally interested in the same areas of human and economic well-being which are equally the concern of Labor. Among them are: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights—Women's Rights—Child Labor—Public Health—Education—The regulation of drug traffic for scientific and medical purposes.

### Likes joblessness

Irving B. Hexter of Cleveland, publisher of some 15 industrial publications, publishes a monthly booklet called "One Publisher's Viewpoint." The January booklet issued by Mr. Hexter concludes with these words:

"The most salutary thing in our city—and probably in yours—is to ride by the main office of the Ohio State Unemployment Commission and see the hundreds of people waiting in a never receding line for their unemployment checks."

"The employed can't help think, 'there but for the grace of God go I.' And maybe they'll go back to work a little harder, with their eyes on their jobs rather than on their watches. If that can be accomplished in America, we will all be better off for the recession . . ."

It has been such a long time since we have read such comments about the misfortune of others that we had forgotten how revolting such comment can be.—The Cleveland Citizen.

### Diagnosis

An efficiency expert made the rounds of a plant and asked an employee: "What do you do?"

"I don't do a thing," he answered.

"And you?", turning to another employee.

"I don't do anything either", was the answer.

"Hmmm," said the expert, "duplication!"—The Machinist.

## OPINIONS

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### THE SENATOR'S DESPERATION

Editor, Labor Journal:

The wolf has bared his fangs; (the better to eat you with, Union Man), the cornered animal is thrashing about in the trap set by himself; the wily politician is being crushed by the enfolding walls slowly but irrevocably closing in on him.

In other words, the Senator is striving desperately to beat off the opposition by a last desperate gamble. Or, did you read the last minute amendments that were knocked off, one by one, as he tried to put through Congress the enslavement of labor he realizes he cannot get in his own State.

As a last resort he tried to get them passed in Mr. Eisenhower's name, believing that the prestige of the office of President might yet do the trick, Vain hope.

He is dealing with politicians as smart as he, and who, fortunately for union labor, can see through this sort of scheme. As Senator Lyndon Johnson states, "This is a lot of hogwash, a cheap way to get publicity." In short, it seems he would rather have wrecked the welfare program to put through his amendments without first going through the regular committee channels.

Read this excerpt from, of all things,—The Oakland Tribune:

"While Knowland's move obviously was calculated to advance his own campaign for Governor of California; it provided Republicans who went along with him something other than the economic situation to talk about."

Another thing that gripes me, as a plain citizen, is why are we, the labor movement, trying to straddle fences by endorsing both a Republican and a Democrat for Senator. Haven't we learned yet who is on our side?

Fraternalty yours,  
A. B. McCLINTOCK,  
Registered Democrat.

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### FREE RIDERS

The obnoxious free-rider is the worker who wants to work in a place which a union organized, in which the employees are dues-paying members who fought and paid for the wage rates and fringes they enjoy. But he doesn't want to belong to the union or pay dues because he "doesn't believe in unions," although he is paid wage rates negotiated by the union — St. Louis Labor Tribune.

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### STUNNED SILENCE

It is true that Mr. Eisenhower defined Mr. Dulles as "the best prepared Secretary of State in history—the wisest man I know," thus reducing even the case-hardened White House correspondents to a stunned silence. The awful thing was, it might be true; Mr. Dulles could be the wisest man Mr. Eisenhower knows. — James Cameron in the London News Chronicle.

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### EGGHEADS?

To what asinine depths are we fallen when a Sunday paper, featuring three outstanding high school students, who are scientific experimenters, takes pains to emphasize that they are "popular," date regularly, and have athletic records!—Joyce E. Lobner, retired teacher.

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### GROUCHO'S GROUCH

The restrictions — political, religious, and every other kind — have killed satire. If Will Rogers were to come back today, he couldn't make a living. They'd throw him in the clink for being subversive.—Groucho Marx.